

Department of Executive Services
Records and Licensing Services Division
Archives, Records Management and Mail
Services Section

PUBLIC RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE & DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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5. STATUS

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September 26, 2017

6. VERSION

6. SCOPE AND DISCLAIMER

This retention schedule can only be used by the agency listed in section 1. It supersedes any other versions of retention schedules used by the agency and is effective as of the date listed in section 11 on the last page. This schedule is a comprehensive listing of all public records held by the agency and authorizes the destruction or archival transfer of those records as indicated. For guidance about records not listed, please contact the Records Management Program.

Public records covered by record series on this records retention schedule must be retained for the required retention periods as described on this schedule. Public records designated as Permanent or Archival must not be destroyed. Public records designated as Potentially Archival must be appraised by the King County Archivist before disposition. This records retention schedule is subject to revision due to changes to local, state or federal regulations.

Approved documentation is required before any records listed on this records retention schedule can be dispositioned (destroyed or transferred to the King County Archives).

Records filed to and managed within the County's Records Management System will be dispositioned from within the system and documentation will be maintained by the Records Management Program. Disposition of records managed outside of the Records Management System must be documented on forms provided by the Records Management Program. Transitory records may be destroyed within the normal course of agency business without the use of any destruction forms.

Glossary

Cutoff: the trigger date on which the retention period *begins*. Until this occurs, the records are still considered active.

Retention: the length of time the records must be retained *after* the cutoff date

Disposition Action: the action that should be taken with the records after they have met their retention period

ESSENTIAL: records identified by the State as being essential to the operation of business and needed to continue operations in the event of an emergency.

7a. ITEM NO.	7b. TITLE/DESCRIPTION	7c. RETENTION	7d. DISPOSITION AND REMARKS	7e. OFFICE OF PRIMARY COPY	7f. CATEGORY	7g. RULE (DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER(S))
SECT	ION MANAGEMENT					
1	Administrative Policies, Procedures, and Instructions Internal procedures and instructions – guidance on any routine internal procedure or protocol required for day to day operations. Records include, but are not limited to:: • Work assignments to staff • Cash handling procedures, etc. • Final policies and procedural manuals • Memos and notifications sent describing new procedures or changes made to current procedures.	Cutoff: Revised or obsolete Retention: 3 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy		Administrative Procedures and Instructions ACO-03-004	GS50-01-01
2	Budget Development/Working Documents Draft documents and background information compiled in the course of budget preparation. May include: Preliminary budget proposals Spreadsheets Statistics Expenditure reports Correspondence Briefing materials Justification documents Presentations, whitepapers, etc.	Cutoff: Budget adopted Retention: 4 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy		Budget Development Files BUD-01-001	GS50-03D-03

3	Performance Evaluation Background Files	Cutoff:	Disposition Action:	N/A	GS50-04B-31R1
	Records used by employees with supervisory	performance	Non-Archival -		
	responsibilities to prepare and support the annual	review has been	Destroy	Records Managed	
	performance evaluations of employees under their	completed and		Outside of KC ERMS	
	supervision. Only includes records needed to	appeal period has			
	support the completion of the performance	ended			
	evaluation.				
		Retention: None			
	Includes, but is not limited to:				
	Performance plans				
	Confirmation of goals				
	Confirmation of achievements				
	Samples of work completed				
	Communication/meeting notes				
	Documentation of performance issues				
	• Status reports, etc.				
	Excludes records needed to support ongoing				
	supervision of the employee (see Supervisor's				
	Working Files).				
	Excludes final signed performance evaluations (kept				
	by Human Resources in the official Personnel File.)				
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Records compiled by supervisors about the progress, conduct and performance of employees under their supervision. Records are only used to support the ongoing supervision of the employee and exclude records that belong in the official personnel file; that document misconduct investigations or corrective action; or that document employee complaints/grievances. Includes, but is not limited to: • Copies of performance evaluations • Workplace expectations • Documents related to long-term performance or career goals • Emergency contact information • Employee coaching documentation • Advice or guidance received about ongoing issues relating to the employee; performance monitoring, etc. Excludes records needed to support completion of annual performance evaluations (see Performance Evaluation Background Files). Excludes Doctor's notes or any other medical certification, workers compensation claim documents, including the supervisor's report on the injury, any formal or informal legal claim by or about the employee, the employee's i-9 form, any workplace investigation materials regarding the employee, background investigation reports, personality or other test results, any non-job related information/personal information about the employee, etc. These records should be transferred to the Human Resources Office rather than retained in the Supervisor's Working File.	Cutoff: No longer supervising employee Retention: 3 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy		N/A Records Managed Outside of KC ERMS	GS50-04B-31R1A
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5	Work Plans Plans describe work to be performed by staff, including timelines and areas of responsibility for specific actions. Also includes records relating to the development of work plans. Excludes agency-wide strategic plans covered by GS2010-080.	Cutoff: Revised or obsolete Retention: 2 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	Work Plans ACO-04-004	GS50-01-38R2
GEN 6	ERAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION Communications – Non-Executive Internal and external communications to or from employees (includes contractors and volunteers) that are made or received in connection with the transaction of public business, and that are not covered by a more specific records series (such as Customer Service Emails). Includes all communication types, regardless of format, including: • Correspondence, email; • Web sites/forms/pages, social networking posts and comments, etc. • Agency-initiated information/advice. • Correspondence regarding deputizing appointments Excludes: Customer service communications and emails. Public records requests covered by DAN GS2010-014; Provision of routine information covered by DAN GS50-02-01. Note: Information/advice published online by the agency continues to be "provided" until the date it is removed/withdrawn.	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 2 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	General Office Communications and Staff Meetings ACO-01-001	GS2010-001R3

7	Contracts and Agreements – General Instruments signed by the agency and one or more parties that set out terms and conditions to which the signing parties agree or submit, and that do not establish, alter, or abolish ownership of capital assets. Records include, but are not limited to: Negotiations, change orders, compliance monitoring, etc. Inter-agency, intra-agency, inter-governmental, inter-local agreements; Application/agreement for escrow account. Lease and rental agreements; Lending agreements (facility, equipment, vehicle, etc.)	Cutoff: Completion of transaction, closeout of contract/agreeme nt, or termination/expir ation of instrument Retention: 6 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy ESSENTIAL		Contracts, Agreements and Warranties CON-01-001	GS50-01-11R4
8	Mail Logs (Delivery and Receipt Tracking) Records documenting the agency's incoming and outgoing physical mail (letters, packages, etc.). Includes but it not limited to: • Classy Mailing – Outside Mail Service, pick-up and delivery receipts • Postage meter logs/reports. • Original copies of recorded documents and excise tax affidavits that were sent to recording party but returned to the Recorder's Office as undeliverable.	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 3 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	DES / RALS / ARMMS	Mail Delivery and Receipt INF-06-001	GS50-06D-02R1
9	Meeting/Agendas – Staff Records documenting monthly meetings held by (and/or for) Recorder's Office staff. Records may include but are not limited to: • Staff meetings • Internal committees/task forces, and other groups that meet for various reasons (to plan activities, coordinate communications, solve problems, coordinate employee safety, etc.). • Agendas, packets, sign-in lists, meeting notices, etc.; • Minutes, notes, transcripts, etc.	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 2 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy		General Office Communications and Staff Meetings ACO-01-001	GS50-01-43R2

10	Project Files Records used to document various projects undertaken by the Recorder's Office, where not covered by a more specific records series in King County General Retention Schedule. Includes, but is not limited to: • Presentations related to specific projects • Project development files. • May include inventory sheets, correspondence,	Cutoff: Completion of project Retention: 6 years	Disposition Action: Potentially Archival – Appraisal Required	Project Files ACO-02-001	GS50-01-39R1
	meeting record, substantive drafts, and additional supporting documentation.				
11	Public Requests and Complaints/ Customer Emails Communications from citizens making a request or complaint, as well as associated agency response. Requests received by agency sent via email or form where request form is not a recorded document. Records include, but are not limited to: Requests for copies Coversheets (Does not include signature forms acknowledging payments made or money received.) Web Image Removal Request Records include agency response. Customer Service Comment Cards Note: For Public Disclosure Requests, see INF-01-001 and INF-01-002. For Recorded Documents, see INF- 07-002	Cutoff: End of year in which the issue was resolved Retention: 3 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	Public Complaints and Requests for Agency Action PRE-01-001	GS50-01-09R2

12 Tı	ransitory Records	Cutoff: Retain	Disposition Action:	N/A	Refer to General
	ransitory records contain information that is required for	until no longer	Non-Archival -	'Y/^	Records Retention
	nly a short period of time to facilitate the completion of a	needed	Destroy		Schedule for complete
	putine action or the preparation of a subsequent record.	needed	Destroy		list of DANs in this
	ransitory records are not required to document the	D-44' N			
	ounty's decisions, actions, or legal obligations.	Retention: None			series.
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In	cludes, but is not limited to:				Note: destruction
	Agency-Generated Forms and Publications – Copies				documentation is not
	(Copies of unused forms)				required for Transitory
	Brainstorming and Collaborating (Notes, mind maps,				Records.
	white board collaboration notes, post-its, A3, flip charts)				
•	Contact Information (external clients or stakeholders)				
	Drafting and Editing (Preliminary drafts with only editing				
	suggestions, notes, and related correspondence if they				
	do not document decision making or substantive				
	changes)				
	Electronic documents when printed version is finalized				
	with inked signature				
	General Information – External (FYI information received from external sources)				
	Unsolicited Materials/publications (Not requested nor				
	used)				
	Basic/routine short-term communications that do not				
	document decision making or agency actions and not				
	covered by another category, such as – "I am running				
	late this morning" or "Come see me at my desk when				
	you can")				
•	Internet Browsing History (cookies/cache/temp files on				
	your computer)				
•	Organizing/Monitoring Work In Progress (to-do lists;				
	working notes; status logs)				
	Records Documented as Part of More Formalized				
	Records (Notes used for data entry; raw stats/survey				
	responses consolidated into a larger report or record if				
	not required for other uses)				
	Reference Materials (gathered from external sources				
	which do not provide evidence of agency work)				
	Scheduling of Meetings/Appointments				
	Secondary (Duplicate) Copies				
•	Requests for Leave/Overtime - Secondary				
	Mail Stop Request Forms (date of request, date change requested, requestor name and mail stop information). Requests for Leave/Overtime - Secondary				

13	Work Assignment Records, Schedules, or Logs Documentation of day-to-day tasks or projects assigned to and/or completed by individual staff or crews. Records include: • Employee schedules or work logs • Spreadsheets, tracking daily responsibilities and assigned daily projects. • Community Service Center – work logs and daily task assignments	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 3 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	Work Logs PER-02-002	GS2010-001R3C
FINA	NCE AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS				
14	Banking – Accounts and Transactions Records document Recorder's Office banking activities and transactions. Includes, but is not limited to: • Deposit and withdrawal records (including electronic funds transfers (EFT), international money transfers (IMT), automated clearing house (ACH) postings, etc. • Statements (bank, dividend, investment, etc.) and reconciliations • Records documenting the status of and adjustments to accounts • Stop payment reports/requests (and supporting documentation) • Checks and warrants issued by the agency (if returned by the bank) Includes paper and electronic copies (such as Excel spreadsheets). Excludes secondary/duplicative copies, such as ACH paper copies, should be kept until no longer needed for agency business and then destroyed.	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 6 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	Banking – Accounts and Transactions FIN-04-005	GS2011-185

15	Banking – Deposited Items	Cutoff: Deposit	Disposition Action:	Banking – Deposited	GS2011-186
	Negotiable instruments <u>received by</u> the agency and	verified by bank	Non-Archival -	Items	
	deposited to the bank in a different format.		Destroy		
		Retention: None		FIN-04-006	
	Includes, but is not limited to:				
	Original paper checks/warrants imaged using				
	Remote Deposit Capture (RDC) or Imaged Cash Letter				
	(ICL), or returned by the bank after redemption;				
	 Images of checks/warrants created in lieu of 				
	depositing the original item (such as Imaged Cash				
	Letter (ICL)).				
	Excludes checks returned to agency due to non-				
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	sufficient funds covered by GS50-03B-14.				
16	Financial Transactions and Daily Accounting Records	Cutoff: End of	Disposition Action:	General Office	GS2011-184R3
	Records documenting all resources received and	year	Non-Archival -	Accounting	
	expended by the agency.		Destroy		
		Retention: 6		FIN-01-001	
	Includes, but is not limited to:	years			
	Purchase and sales records				
	Billing statements, summaries, and adjustments to accounts, overpayment refunds				
	Financial statements and reports such as: daily				
	cash report/summary; expenditure transactions;				
	balancing packets which include: receipts, daily till				
	reports and drawdown reports				
	Recording "Coversheet" forms where signature				
	required by requesting party where				
	acknowledgement of money exchanged.				
	Passport application sales receipt for the execution				
	fee.				
	Check/warrant registers;				
	Petty cash				
	Excludes: Levy-, grant-, and bond-funded				
	transactions covered by GS2011-183; Utility meter				
	readings covered in the <i>Utility Services Records</i>				
	Retention Schedule; General and subsidiary ledgers				
1	covered by GS50-03A-15;				
	Contracts and agreements; Annual financial reports				
	covered by GS50-03D-02.				

17	Financial Disputes/Collections - General	Cutoff: Issue	Disposition Action:	Collections Files	GS50-03B-14R3
	Records relating to the agency's financial disputes	resolved	Non-Archival -		
	and attempts to collect funds, where not related to		Destroy	FIN-01-004	
	real property ownership, and where civil litigation	Retention: 6			
	has <u>not</u> commenced.	years			
	Includes, but is not limited to:				
	 Checks/warrants returned due to non-sufficient fund (NSF checks). 				
	 Accounts receivable and payable (records relating to financial disputes or attempts to collect funds only) 				
	 Notices of dishonor, correspondence, notices, invoice/statements, account closures. 				
	 Damage and loss claims, fees related to returned check, etc. 				
	 Settlement documentation, documentation of paid fees and balances. 				
	Excludes hearing examiner case files covered by GS2011-173.				
	Excludes collections involving real property covered by GS55-05A-09.				
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	Note: If litigation commences, these records become				
	part of the litigation case file and are covered by GS53-02-04.				

18	IT Helpdesk Request/Tickets	Cutoff: Request	Disposition Action:	Helpdesk Requests	GS2010-005R1
	Records relating to employee requests for advice	completed or	Non-Archival -		
	and assistance using the Landmark (or other)	ticket closed	Destroy	INF-04-005	
	system.		·		
	Tickets are managed via LanDesk System.	Retention: 1 year			
	Records include:				
	Correspondence (email or otherwise) and other				
	attachments needed to document resolution of a				
	system-related problem or issue.				
	Excludes assistance requests made <i>from</i> Recorder's				
	Office to ANTHEM vendor (see item 8 Contracts and				
	Agreements – General).				
RECC	ORDER'S OFFICE PROGRAM RECORDS				
19	ACP Files (Non-disclosable Marriage Applications)	Cutoff: When no	Disposition Action:	N/A	AU52-03B-01R1
	Marriage applications and other recorded	longer needed for	Archival – Permanent		
	documents of individuals protected through the	agency business		Records are managed	
	state's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) who		ESSENTIAL	outside of the KC ERMS	
	are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault,	Retention:			
	trafficking or stalking.	Permanent*	RCW 26.04.175		
	Per the ACP program, these records cannot be		* Records must be		
	indexed or entered in a database and must be kept in		retained permanently		
	secure storage and only accessed by authorized		by the Recorder's		
	personnel; or as directed by a court order; or as		Office until/if the		
	requested by a law enforcement agency, for a law		records are released		
	enforcement agency.		from protection by		
			the ACP. When/if that		
			happens, the records		
			should be indexed and		
			transferred to the		
			King County Archives		
			for permanent		
			retention		

20	Medical Examiner Personal Property Forms Records are used to document personal property found by on bodies at investigation scenes and are filed with the King County Recorder's Office in compliance with RCW 68.50.040. Duplicate forms are transferred to the Recorder's Office monthly from the King County Medical Examiner's Office. Information includes: Name of decedent, date of death, case number, list of property items, cash amount, extra.	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 6 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	DPH / Prevention / Medical Examiner's Office	Personal Property Lists INF-07-006	AU2010-087A
21	Passport Application Transmittals – Separate Receipt Issues Records relating to the transmittal of passport applications to the United States Department of State's Passport Services by local government agencies designated as passport acceptance facilities, provided that a separate receipt is issues for the execution fee. Note: Use GS50-12A-22 if a separate receipt is issued. Note: Receipts are covered by GS2011-184, Financial Transactions – General.	Cutoff: End of year Retention: 2 years	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy		Passport Application Transmittals – Separate Receipt Issued LIC-02-001	LP2010-022
22	Real Estate Excise Tax Affidavits – Paper Copies (Secondary) Documents confirming that all excise tax assessed on a conveyance has been paid. Must be signed by all parties to the real estate transaction prior to the conveyance being officially recorded. Excludes recorded copies of Excise Tax Affidavits (see item 24).	Cutoff: Date of affidavit Retention: 1 month	Disposition Action: Non-Archival - Destroy	Department of Revenue / County Treasurer One copy is returned by mail to recording party	N/A	AS01-03B-06(S)

23	Recorded Documents The Primary record copy of all King County Recorder's Office recordings. Includes original paper documents, books/volumes, microfilm and digital images. Includes, but is not limited to: • Community property agreements • Deputizing Appointments • Additional forms recorded with original records, such as correction request forms; • Liens • Marriage certificates • Military discharge papers • Mining Claims • Powers of attorney • Real estate documents (deeds, mortgage documents, real estate tax affidavits, Torrens title record books, right-of way, land corner records, etc); • Recording coversheets where coversheet is recorded with recorded document. (Ex: "Emergency non-standard recording" coversheet.) • Survey, condominium and plat maps; • Torrens title record books; • UCC filings; • Wills. Includes all indexes to recorded documents.	Cutoff: No longer needed for agency business* Retention: Permanent — transfer diazo microfilm to the King County Archives 2 years after cutoff * *For any document types that are not imaged or microfilmed, the paper copy must be transferred to the King County Archives	Disposition Action: Archival – Permanent ESSENTIAL	Original record is immediately sent to State, and/or returned to recording party. Official recorded copy is retained in the Landmark system since August 1, 1991	Recorded Documents INF-07-002	AU52-03B-01R1
	Includes all indexes to recorded documents. Excludes security microfilm back-up of primary records created in accordance with RCW 40.10.					

24	Marriage License Applications Forms submitted by couples to request the issuance of a marriage license. Approved applications result in the issuance of marriage licenses and authorization for marriage to be performed in Washington State. Records include, but are not limited to: Name, birth date, birth place, address, marital	Cutoff: No longer needed for agency business Retention: Permanent – transfer original hard copy records to the County	Disposition Action: Archival – Permanent ESSENTIAL	Recorded Documents INF-07-002	AU52-03B-01R1
25	status and signature of each party; signature(s) of deputy auditor or notary public; planned wedding date and phone number; and supplemental application for parties under legal age. Security Microfilm Transmittals and Spreadsheet	Archives 2 years after cutoff Cutoff: when	Disposition Action:	N/A	GS50-09-02R2
	Spreadsheet and transmittals and spreadsheet Spreadsheet and transmittals used to track the transfer of security microfilm to the Washington State Essential Records Protection Program facility. Information includes: • Agency name and contact information, reel	access copies of microfilm are transferred to the King County Archives	Archival – Permanent Transfer	Managed outside of the KC ERMS	G330 03 02N2
	number, records series and file title, document dates, disposition authorization number and State Archives location code. Excludes printouts/copies, which are transitory.	Retention: none			

8. RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGER SIGNATURE 9. COUNTY ARCHIVIST SIGNATURE I hereby certify that I have reviewed the records series as described. I will appraise any series I hereby certify that the records series as described comply with current federal, state, and local regulations as of the date listed in section 4, and I ensure the accuracy of this schedule. designated as potentially archival and accession any records appraised or designated as archival. see original for signature 2-5-2015 see original for signature 2/10/2015 **Gail Snow** Date **Carol Shenk** Date **10. AGENCY MANAGER SIGNATURE** I certify that I have read and understood these records retention requirements and agree to implement the records retention schedule for all records and information within the scope of my responsibility. see original for signature 1/30/2015 Jon Scherer **Date** PUBLIC RECORDS COMMITTEE USE ONLY - DO NOT FILL IN BEYOND THIS POINT 11. PRC APPROVAL see original for signature February 19, 2015 **Deborah Kennedy** Date

King County Public Records Committee